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Miscellaneous Topics

1. Thank you for your prompt answer to my memo of 3 April. Although dated 17 April, it did not arrive until 6 May, which points up the slow nature of air pouch as a means of communications. Actually I did not see it until yesterday, having been at home for a week with chicken pox, which, I hope, finished up the children's diseases for me.

25X1A6a 2. According to present plans, my family and I will depart [REDACTED] shortly after the first of June and will take three week's leave in England. (This is covered in my original orders). During the period in England I expect to spend a few days with

25X1A9a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] We will depart England 25X1C8d by plane in time for me to report back to work at M Bldg. on 23 June. If our two children catch chicken pox, and well they might, our departure may be slightly delayed.

25X1A6a 3. I will make a beginning on the project for obtaining German trade data of the 30's and will turn it over to [REDACTED] for 25X1A9a follow up. Tomorrow I go to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] to discuss with 25X1A9a them [REDACTED] cable and memo concerning returned German scientists and will leave the matter in [REDACTED] hands from 25X1A9a there on.

25X1A6a 4. I have discussed the matter of the Russian language holdings at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] 25X1A Affairs; [REDACTED] he has agreed to talk with the director of the [REDACTED] Library to discuss the feasibility of reproducing their card catalog. [REDACTED] has agreed to do the filming and will carry the ball from here on.

25X1A6a 5. My major project for the remainder of my tour will be to try to bring Air Force and Army together on an indexing project of the screening cards on over 250,000 PW's and Illegal Border Crossers. This is of greatest importance to us, if we are to use the PW interrogation program for filling our gaps. Army and Air Force are working separately, indexing their respective sets of cards manually. At this rate the job will take five years or more. A little pressure [REDACTED] and possibly some 25X1A financial support, may be required to accelerate this project.

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